



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020**

9:05 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

All votes were conducted by roll call.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Finance Director Janet Dutcher.

Supervisor Peters:

- "Hard words are very rarely useful. Real firmness is good for every thing. Strut is good for nothing." – Alexander Hamilton

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Recognition of Wendy Sugimura and Nick Criss of Community Development
- Recognition of Kathy Peterson and Social Services department
- Unified Command meeting, Economic Recovery Branch meeting, Multi-agency Coordination Group, COVID-19 Community meeting, Business Roundtable, Enforcement Team meeting, statewide Wildfire and COVID-19 Coordination call

- Statewide call with California Association of County Executives – 5 counties that have applied for adjudication to the State regarding their tier status, 4 of those counties were successful
- Assistant CAO recruitment update

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Highway 395 closure update – active and ongoing homicide investigation
- Asked by Governor’s office to apply for the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission – Commission oversees law enforcement certification and training

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- Recognition of military veterans working in the Public Works Department: Joel Erickson, Jamie Morley, Tim Keller, Cory Gonzales, Brandon Holle, Kevin Julian
- Performed landscape maintenance on cemeteries
- Successful recruitment of staff for Benton Road Shop
- Park facilities and Lundy Campground closed for the winter
- Jail contract is currently in its final version and expected to be sent out for review by architect this week
- Working on Solid Waste RFP

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Reappointment to the Mono County Child Care Council

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

Mono County Child Care Council seeks the re-appointment of Jacinda Croissant by the Mono County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term beginning October 22, 2020 and terminating October 22, 2022.

Action: Appoint Jacinda Croissant to a two-year term in the category of Public Agency Representative beginning October 22, 2020 and terminating October 22, 2022.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-218

B. Training Funds Request for Supervisor-Elect Duggan

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Training funds request for Supervisor-Elect Duggan to attend the CSAC 2020-21 New County Supervisors Institute, with the first sessions being held December 1-2, 2020.

Under State law and the County Code, upon request of a Supervisor-Elect, county general fund moneys may be used prior to the assumption of office by that Supervisor-elect, for training and orientation including the payment

of course fees, travel and per diem expenses, course materials, and consultant fees.

Action: Approve training funds request for Supervisor-Elect Duggan to attend the CSAC 2020-21 New County Supervisors Institute.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-219

C. MOU between Toiyabe Indian Health Project and Mono County Public Health Department Related to the sharing of COVID-19 Information and Resources

Departments: Public Health

Memorandum of Understanding between Toiyabe Indian Health Project and Mono County Public Health Department related to the sharing of COVID-19 information and resources.

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Toiyabe Indian Health Project (“Toiyabe”) and Mono County Public Health Department related to the sharing of COVID-19 information and resources and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute said MOU on behalf of the County. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to approve minor amendments and/or revisions to the MOU that do not substantively modify its terms, with approval as to form by County Counsel.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-220

D. Agreement with Chalfant Fire Department for Installation of Communications Equipment

Departments: Information Technology

Proposed license agreement with Chalfant Valley Public Utility District (Chalfant Valley Fire Department) for the placement and maintenance of communications equipment on fire station property.

Action: Determine that the project is exempt from review under sections 15301 (existing facilities); 15303 (small facilities); and 15311 (accessory structures) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and direct staff to file a notice of exemption. Approve County entry into proposed agreement and authorize the Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-221

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked Chief Mokracek for continuing to work on improving EMS services in the Tri-Valley

6. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. **Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) prepared an Initial Study for the Mono Basin Water Rights Licenses Project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, LADWP intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Public Comment:

- Geoff McQuilkin

Due to technical issues, moved to Item 7B.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

A. **Election Update**

Departments: Elections

(Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Update on November 3, 2020, General Election.

Action: None.

Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Vote-by-Mail hotline utilization
- Processing about 150 provisional ballots
- As of 11/9, 84.66% voter turnout, 6,637 votes cast out of 7,840 registered voters
- Curing signatures – mismatched or missing signatures
- Plan to be done counting no later than 11/23, certifying on 11/24, and bringing everything to the Board on 12/1 for review and declaration of results
- Hand tally will begin next week

Moved to Item 7D.

B. **Update on Wildfires and Review of Open Fire Ban**

Departments: Sheriff

(Sheriff Braun, County Counsel Simon) - Update and discussion regarding status of wildfires across the State and in Mono County. Weekly review of need for Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Open Fires on Private Property Within the Unincorporated Area of Mono County Due to Extreme Fire Danger.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance terminating open fire ban.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD20-12

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Recommended termination of fire ban

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Action: None.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Introduced item

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- Status update on cases – increase in cases unrelated to outbreak on military base
- 12 positive cases from last week
- Increase in number of calls to 211 line from symptomatic individuals
- To date, there has only been one confirmed case of influenza in the county
- Successful flu clinic campaign this year – still offering flu shots on Mondays at the Civic Center
- Community Update Presentation (available under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage)
- Vaccine update – Pfizer vaccine data, timeline requesting emergency authorization, availability of vaccine in Mono County
- Testing update – new public health lab, OptumServe to perform tests in Mammoth and splitting services with Inyo County, addressed testing turnaround times

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer:

- Expect response to adjudication request by following week
- No defined appeal process if county is moved into a more restrictive tier

Public Comment:

- Jamie Schectman
- No Name

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- Mono CURE business assistance program update
- 29 eligible applicants awarded maximum allowable grant amount of \$10,000

Break: 10:39 AM

Reconvened: 10:49 AM

Moved to Item 7A.

D. Inyo / Mono County Veteran Affairs Representative Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Report and discussion on the Inyo / Mono County Veteran Affairs representative.

Action: None.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Veteran Service Officer position located within the Inyo County Sheriff Department
- Inyo County is temporarily unable to provide services on Mono County's behalf and services have been provided through Kern County Veteran Services Office

Supervisor Corless:

- Requested item be brought back to 12/8 meeting

E. Agreement with Chalfant Valley Community Services District Regarding Emergency Medical Services Stipend and Billing

Departments: EMS

(Chris Mokracek, EMS Chief) - Agreement between Mono County EMS and the Chalfant Valley Community Services District replacing and updating current agreement to include the provision of ambulance billing services by the County and an increase to the response stipend from \$300.00 to \$500.00.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed Agreement and authorize the Board Chair to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County.

Stump moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-222

Chris Mokracek, EMS Chief:

- Presented item

F. New Hire for Human Resources Specialist at Step B

Departments: Human Resources/CAO

(David R Butters, HR Director) - Request approval to hire Ryan Roe as Human Resources Specialist at Step B.

Action: Authorize the hiring of Ryan Roe as Human Resources Specialist at Step B.

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-223

Dave Butters, HR Director:

- Introduced item

G. 2020 Economic Outlook and General Fund Fiscal Performance

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Presentation discussing the 2020 and beyond economic outlook, analysis of trends, review of the County's General Fund (GF) fiscal performance for the year ended June 30, 2020,

and concluding with information about the status of GF carryover and reserve balances. Consider request to increase GF appropriations from GF carryover in the amount of \$1,000,000 and transfer to the Economic Stabilization Reserve Fund (requires 4/5ths Board approval).

Action: Approve request to increase GF appropriations from GF carryover in the amount of \$1,000,000 and transfer to the Economic Stabilization Reserve Fund (requires 4/5ths Board approval).

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-224

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presentation

Public Comment:

- No Name

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:40 PM

Reconvened: 1:02 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Re-entered Closed Session: 2:31 PM

Reconvened: 3:43 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of
Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN
1:00 P.M.**

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Communication Provider Update

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg, IT Director) - This item will provide a high-level overview of the current state of broadband and telecommunication providers throughout the County, discuss the Frontier bankruptcy and potential impacts, and offer an opportunity for the Board to ask questions or provide direction to staff.

Action: None.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Presentation (available under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage)

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 10/21-30: NACo Policy Summit/public lands, RCRC: Executive Committee— President/CEO search, policy priorities for 2021 including wildfire/forest health, Golden State Finance Authority broadband project; USFS Region 5 Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Collaborative/discussion of Great American Outdoors Act funding outlook, project prioritization; California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions meeting; Yosemite Area Gateway group meetings.
- 11/2-9: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting, new Forest Supervisor, Sustainable Recreation and Tourism project collection effort successful, almost 200 project ideas submitted. RCRC/Golden State Natural Resources: moving forward with purchase of first site, meeting with Wildland Fire Leadership Council.
- Note from Alpine County: Kathy Peterson—assistance to Alpine County much appreciated!

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Sept. 9 I attended the meeting of the June Lake Public Utilities District Board of Directors. No one filed for the three open seats on this Board so our Board will have to appoint three persons to fill these positions based on state law. Some applications have been received so there is some interest.

- On Sept. 9 I also participated in a call with Nate Greenberg and others in June Lake to talk about the continued frustration with Suddenlink internet service. We discussed several options to pursue to try to improve service.
- On Sept. 10 I participated in a Zoom meeting with Community Development staff and others about the updated layout for the Tioga Inn project. I appreciated the opportunity to review the revised plans which have now been made available to the public.
- On Sept. 14 I attended with Supervisor Corless the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) meeting. We received updates from each of the partners.
- On Sept. 15 I participated in the Zoom community presentation about the Creek Fire.
- On Sept. 16 I participated in a tour with County staff of the Mill and Wilson Creek areas.
- On Oct. 5 I participated with Chair Corless in a Zoom call with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group to talk about our next steps for this initiative.
- On Oct. 5 I also participated in the monthly meeting of the ESSRP. We again received updates from each of the members of this group.
- Oct. 7, I joined the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission for the monthly meeting. The Commission suggested a meeting this fall or winter be held with the County and all other public lands agencies in our region to discuss the 2020 summer and fall season, and work on policies and processes for future years.
- On Oct. 8 I participated in the Yosemite Gateway Zoom meeting. There were several updates about the Park, including their intention to stop requiring reservations for Park entry on Oct. 31.
- On Oct. 9 I met with Community Development staff to discuss the status of the June lake Highlands Short Term Rental proposal.
- On Oct. 12 I joined Chair Corless on the YARTS regular Board Meeting. The Board agreed to pursue a formal request to Tuolumne County to join the YARTS Board. This will increase revenue by an estimated \$68,000 if approved by the Tuolumne Board of Supervisors. The Board also approved initiating an update to their strategic transit plan to accommodate anticipated future revenue shortages and other changes.
- On Oct. 12 I also participated in the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council meeting. The Council is planning a home hardening event with CalFire and other speakers for their next meeting in November. I expect this can be made available to other County residents as well, either through another presentation or by making the recording accessible online.
- On Oct. 14 I participated in the continued Board meeting about the Tioga Inn project, and attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting.
- On Oct. 15 I joined several other public agency representatives at Gull Lake to hear about the continued concern regarding invasive weeds at that lake. We heard a presentation from a resident from Lake Tahoe about a project there that has shown some success in reducing the same weeds. There is interest in seeking a grant to perhaps employ a similar project at Gull lake to try to reduce the weeds.
- On Oct. 16 I attended both ESTA and ESCOG meetings. The details of these meetings have already been reported.
- On Oct. 21 and 22 I participated in portions of the NACO Federal Policy Summit. Summaries of these presentations are available on the NACO website.

- On Oct. 28 I participated in the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) prioritization meeting. This group has a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and is working on various fire-related projects related watershed protection and improved forest management.
- On Oct. 29 I attended the Collaborative Planning Team meeting with Chair Corless. There were numerous useful updates from the many officials who participated.
- Also, on Oct. 29 I had a very helpful call with Alicia Vennos and Jeff Simpson in our Economic Development Dept. about available Mono County employment data and COVID assistance to our business community.
- On Nov. 2 I attended with Chair Corless the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP). Regional support for recreation projects is increasing across the region based on the reports from the various attendees at this meeting.
- On Nov. 4 I attended the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting and the monthly June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.
- On Friday Nov. 6 I participated in the monthly Kutzadika Tribal Council call.
- Yesterday I attended the Monthly Mono Basin Fire Safe Council meeting. We had a presentation on home hardening advice and website information.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- I participated in the Community Corrections Partnership General Committee meeting on October 21. The Committee reviewed the final draft of the Public Safety Realignment Report and Five Year Plan.
- I attended various California Coalition for Rural Housing Summit webinars and workshops the week of October 26th.
- On October 30, I participated in a MLH ad-hoc committee on the evaluation of the Executive Director.
- On November 2, I attended the MLH Board meeting. The Board approved a Master Services Agreement for Affordable Housing Program Compliance Monitoring Services with Mono County, and an extension contract with Mono County for continuation of the Latino Advocacy initiative. Patricia Robertsons also reported that to date, 29 households in unincorporated Mono County have been served through the Rental Assistance Program with most of the assistance going to families living in mobile home parks.
- I attended the Town Council meeting on November 4th. The Council received a presentation from Mono County Behavioral Staff member Amanda Greenberg on the County's ambition to work towards and inclusion of supportive housing in phase one of The Parcel development.
- Yesterday, November 9th I participated in an interview with CCRH, Housing Advocates, and CHPC on the State Housing and Community Development's Mobilehome Park Restoration and Resident Ownership Program (MPRRP).
- This afternoon at 4PM there is a joint Town Council and Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting on The Parcel Draft Master Plan.

Supervisor Peters:

- Regarding homicide investigation, no imminent threat to local community
- Recognized veterans
- Today is the 245th birthday for the Marine Corps

- 11/4: Attended Fisheries Commission, Eastern Sierra Agency on Aging meeting, Economic Recovery Branch, met with Nate Greenberg on the broadband issue, Rural Working Group with CSAC
- 11/5: Great Basin Air Quality Control Board meeting: presentation on smoke impacts this year, IMACA meeting, Community Conversation, Antelope Valley RPAC
- 11/9: Walker water basin topics, water transfers that will come up in future Board meetings, attended Forest Management Taskforce webinar, meeting with CSAC Executive Director Graham Knaus
- For the next two weeks, there will be no rural caucus working group meeting with Dr. Ghaly, next one will be scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Stump:

- 10-27: CSA 1 - Looking for one new Board member
- 10--28: Tri Valley Water Commission
- 11-4: Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging - No action items, I think the Agency, joint Inyo / Mono, is doing a commendable job serving senior needs during the Covid situation.
- 11-5: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District - Mono County will receive an apportionment from the CARB II funds created by the settlement of the Dust litigation between GBUAPCD and LADWP. These are monies paid by DWP to GBUAPCD. Mono will receive \$263,892 towards CARB mitigation. Update on how bad the air quality was due to smoke also provided.

Moved back to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 3:44 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**